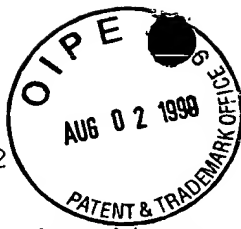


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Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 15, line 5, change "thrown away" to --discarded--.

Page 19, line 10, change "concealed" to --hidden--;

line 11, change "subscribable" to --unsubscribed--.